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Merry Magic

A local charity called Merry Magic CK has generously offered to provide all students at Victor Lauriston with a free lunch that will be prepared by a local restaurant. These lunches will be distributed throughout the month of April each Monday. We have collected and submitted dietary restrictions to them already, and meals that are halal, dairy-free, or vegetarian will be marked for us. The dates and classes selected are as follows:

April 15: Grades 2/3, 3/4 and 4/5

April 22: Grades FDK, SK/1, 1 and 1/2

April 29: Grades 5/6, 6/7 and 7/8

Students can enjoy their meal or take it home to enjoy later!

Muskoka Woods Field Trip

Grade 8 students are in their final stages of preparation for the Muskoka Woods field trip this month. Students will be departing on Wednesday March 17th and will be returning on Friday March 19th. Communication has been sent home to the families regarding essential details and requirements. We hope that this fantastic learning opportunity creates long-lasting memories for the students attending!



Upcoming Events

April 1

Holiday

April 2nd

Autism Awareness Day

April 8

PD Day

April 9

Eid Al-Fitr (Ramadan Ends)

April 12

Disney Day!

April 17-19

Muskoka Woods Trip (Grade 8's only)

April 23

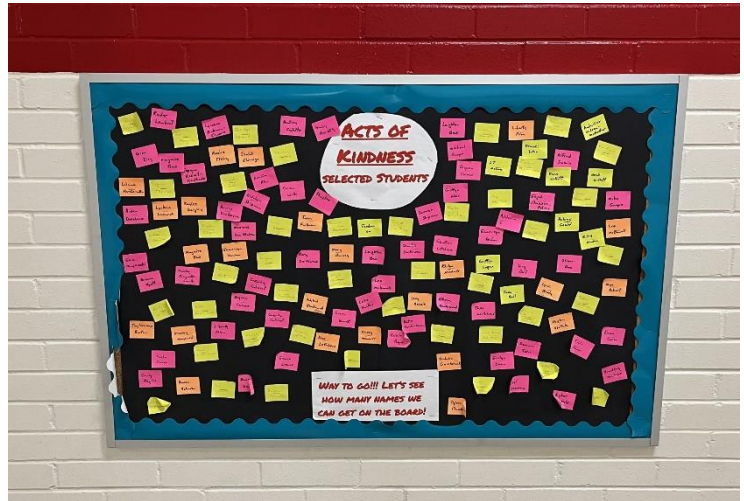
Parent Council (6:30pm)

April 25

Nacho Chips and Cheese Day

Acts of Kindness Campaign

We are now entering the 4th month of our Acts of Kindness Campaign and we have seen a great deal of kindness spread throughout our school community! Our kindness board is full of names of students who have been nominated by staff and their peers which shows that kindness is all around us. Congratulations to the students who have been nominated so far, and we are looking forward to adding even more names in the coming months!



Special Lunch Order

Students can order a bowl of nacho chips with cheese this month for a cost of \$4.00. This event is being organized by Mrs. Moir to help fundraise for the year-end field trip. Orders are open to all grades. Order forms can be returned by Tuesday, April 23rd. Payment can be made using SchoolCashOnline or cash. Nacho bowls will be delivered on Thursday, April 25th during the 1st nutrition break.

EQAO Update

The provincial EQAO assessment has returned this year for our Grade 3 and 6 students. Just as last year, the assessment will be completed online using technology. Students will be working with Chromebooks and/or iPads in preparation for this portion of the assessment. The entire assessment will be completed online.

Once we have established the EQAO dates for your child's assessment in May, we are strongly encouraging our families to try to minimize disruptions to completing the assessment. Please try not to schedule any appointments or vacations during these dates. As soon as we establish the dates for each class, we will communicate this information to the parents. Thank you for your assistance with this matter.

Education Week – May 6th to 10th, 2024

Every year, the LKDSB celebrates different activities during Education Week. This year, Education Week runs from Monday, May 6 to Friday, May 10. It is a time for students, teachers and parents to celebrate teaching excellence and student achievement. More information will follow on Education Week 2024.

KinderStart

Our final KinderStart experience is just around the corner. On Wednesday, May 29th from 4-7pm, our new families are invited to join us here at Victor Lauriston to meet the teachers and to have a chance to meet other new families that will be joining the Lion's den. Activities are being planned for this time. You can stay as long or as short a time as your family wishes. There is no need to stay for the entire 3 hours. We are also still accepting new registrations, so if you know of any families with a child born in 2020, send them to us. They can register using the link on the LKDSB website below.

<https://www.lkdsb.net/Elementary/Registration/Pages/default.aspx#/=>

Sports Update

School athletics continues this year with the beginning of Badminton season and Junior Boys and Girls Basketball. Students are practicing throughout the week to develop their skills, and the basketball teams have even had the chance to take part in a tournament organized by John McGregor Secondary School. Along with Badminton and Basketball, Track and Field practices will begin sometime near the end of the month. Students should be reminded to stay tuned to the morning announcements for more details regarding practices and game times. **One important note: student spectators are only allowed to attend games at Victor Lauriston if they are accompanied by a parent.**

School Attendance

Regular school attendance is extremely important to the success of all learners. As hard as it can be some days, starting the school day on time is equally important. We ask that you use School Messenger ~ the LKDSB automated attendance messaging system, to inform the school of absences. The system will notify parents/guardians if your child has been marked absent and the school has not been notified of the reason for the absence. To follow-up, we will contact the parent/guardian phone numbers and email addresses that we have on file. You can help by ensuring that the school has your most updated contact information.

Parent Council

The final meeting of the school year for Parent Council will take place on April 23rd from 6:30pm to 7:30pm in the Learning Commons. All parents are welcome to join.

Bicycle/Skateboard/Scooter Helmets

Student safety is our primary concern. With the return of nice weather, more students are riding their bicycles to school or using their rollerblades, skateboards and scooters. All students need to wear helmets (it is the law). Students are not to be riding their bikes, wearing their roller blades or riding their skateboards on the schoolyard. **Students need to bring locks for their bikes.** It is also important that they follow the rules of the road and be respectful to both vehicle and pedestrian traffic.

School Cash Online

Our school will be going **cashless** for almost all transactions for the 2024-2025 school year. Payment for items like hot food days, spirit wear, and field trips will only be accepted through SchoolCashOnline using your debit card or credit card.

At this time, more than half our families have already registered for SchoolCashOnline and are using it regularly, and we encourage all families to be registered before the end of the year. Your child is always registered once you sign up and there is no additional cost per transaction!

If you'd like more information or are ready to register your child, please visit <https://lkdsb.schoolcashionline.com/> to complete the process. Please contact Mrs. Norton at the school office or your child's teacher if you need help.